# HIRST STRONGLY IN FAVOR OF SCIENTIFIC BLOCKADE

His Advocacy Has Much to Do With Plans Now Being Considered.

EXPLAINS MEANING OF TERM

Recognized Authority on Economic and Financial Questions Regards Warfare as Something More Than Clash of Arms.

[Correspondence of Associated Press] LONDON, January 25 .- Francis W. Hirst, editor of the Economist, talked tive today on some of the economic fighting nations. Mr. Hist is one of the recognized authorities on economic and financial questions, his work on the Political Elemony of War having attracted widespread attention as being one of the first efforts to consider warfare as something more than a diers. Colonel flouse was aware of ly to guage sentiment, he turned to Mr Hirst quite as naturally as to the

political and military leaders.

Mr. Hirst is strongly in favor of a scientific blockade instead of a "block-head blockade," as he calls it, and his advocacy of the scientific blockade has much to do with the plans the governmental and naval authorities are now considering. He was asked the meaning of a scientific blockade.

It means, he explained, a blockade based upon some intelligent distinction as to what will injure and what will help an enemy, as against a blanket blockade spread over everything without regard to whether it injures or helps the enemy, and which, in the case of the old "blockhead block ade," actually was of benefit to Ger-There are a large number of articles, like tea, coffee and fruit, Mr. Hirst pointed out, which are not necessaries of life, and cannot contribute to any large extent in sustaining a population and the endurance of a nation. It is such articles that a scientific blockade permits to be imported into an enemy country, for the reason that when imported from foreign countries they must be paid for in gold. thus creating a steady increase in the foreign indebtedness of the enemy

But the "blockhead blockade" does just the reverse, in shutting out these articles which are not necessaries of life; it relieves Germany from gold export, and actually stimulates her domestic production, which she can pay for, not in gold, but in flut paper money. That is actually what has happened in Germany, he says, and it is blockade will seek to stop.

Mr. Hirst holds that the traditional weapons of England are the navy and nance, and not a large land force, That was the view of Lloyd George last spring, and later of Mr. McKenna and Mr. Montagu, and the view of the Board of Trade as expressed by Mr. Bunchman. Referring to this, Mr. Hirst

RELIED MAINLY ON NAVAL AND PINANCIAL POWER

wars of the past, out of which frent Britain has emerged with a triny and have never informed any form quite true that the Duke of Wellington was in command of the British army in spain and at Waterioo. But I den't to 50,000 men in the peninsula ampaign, and at Waterloo only 25,000 British troops were engaged. In this war Parliament has already sanctioned an army of 4,000,000, although the navy is on a much larger scale than in the past, and is playing at least as much part as it ever played in wors of the

"Similarly " 18 years to finance. During the Napoleonic wars we gave a During the Napoleonic wars we gave a number of small toars and subsidies to foreign powers. Thus we gave loans or subsidies to Prussia and many other small German states, to Russia, Austria, Spain, Portugal, Sweden, Sicily and Denmark. Most of these loans were sent in each but considerable quantities of arms, provisions, clothing and sumplies were dispatched at various times to our ailies. The total amount of the subsidies given between 1798 and 1814- and there is not a single year in which we did not subsidize one or more of our foreign at-Her-is, however, computed by Porter at only figure, on sterling, although the total cost of the war to Great Britain-1 speak from memory- was some-thing like (\$80,000,000 sterling, I think I am within the facts in stating that, up to the present, we have con-tracted or promised to our allies at least ten times as much in the course of a war of eighteen mentlis as we contributed in the twenty-one years of the Pronch wars. And it will be observed that the sum is much greater proportionately as well as relatively "These facts will perhaps explain the reasonableness of the criticism which ins been directed both to the expediand to the size of the n the House of Comhat we would be more likely to bring successful termination 4,000,000 men. This is



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## Kaiser's Youngest Son to Marry Princess Marie Auguste



The wedding of Prince Joachim, the youngest son of the Kaiser, to Princess Marie Auguste of Anhalt will take place at Potsdam, Germany, on March 11. Princess Marie, whose photograph is shown at the left, is a be left to the imagination of those favorite at court. Her finance, Prince Jonchim, has actively followed all moves of the war on the castern front, who can see further than the writer where it was reported he had been wounded. Prince Joachim is shown in the photo at the right, seated directly through the gathering gloom. behind the driver. He is about to make a tour of inspection of the snow-covered lines in Poland.

haustion and attrition, and that de- rise in the course of a couple of months from issues of indigestible paper cur- the wisest heads." And he adds: cisive military victories of the Na- to \$6,000,000 sterling, which would be rency. The expenditures and the depoleonic type are improbable. Another at the rate of \$2,190,000,000 sterling preciation of German paper would be member of Parliament, Mr. Godfrey (\$10,950,000,000) a year.

peris are right who hold with De tionary policy and the enlargement of a day, and the internal economy of to be avoided—these are questions haustion and attrition, and that derive in the course of a couple of would be described. much heavier but for the fact that social and economical ruin. Perchance Collins, who has studied military "Meantime, German finance is crumfinance very closely, predicted last bling. I judge that their expenditures and a great part of the cost of the war the old."

is being paid by privation. To judge from the German newspapers' own account of conditions, discontent is steadily growing, and, in my opinion, the main thing that maintains the military party in power is the fear of invasion and of dismemberment. If the war goes on much longer. I do not see how the German empire will be able to pay interest on its war debt. For the interest on debt and the war pensions after the war are likely to be as great or greater than the whole imperial revenue before the war." Mr. Hirst was asked what was to

come of these stupendous daily expenditures-16,000,000 sterling a day in England and 15,000,000 sterling a day in Germany; could they go on? He said, however, there were some things he could not discuss, and this

was one of them. But he felt that there are financial and economic factors in the war that are as great or greater than military campaigns, expedition and armies-factors which are steadily increasing in importance, count by those enthusiasts who would rush blindly ahead, and who talk light ly of crushing nations and altering all he old boundaries of Europe. Some of these factors and their inevitable tendencies he had summed up in his Political Economy of War, as follows: "What will be the condition of Europe, when peace comes through exhaustion, after the continental states have used up all their credit and borcommerce will be financed, how manuweek that as a result of the expeditare between \$4,000,000 and \$5,000,000 will be carried on, how public bank

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